

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

BEFORE: JAMES M. WICKS, U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE

DATE: 01/26/2024

TIME: 10:23 AM

**SEALED PROCEEDING**

**CIVIL CAUSE FOR SCHEDULING CONFERENCE**

**CASE: 2:23-cv-06188-JMW-Superb Motors Inc. et al. v. Deo et al.**

APPEARANCES:

For Plaintiffs (Superb Motors Inc, Team Auto Sales LLC and Robert Anthony Urrutia):

Emanuel Kataev  
Jamie Scott Felsen

For Plaintiffs (189 Sunrise Hwy Auto LLC, Northshore Motor Leasing, LLC, Brian Chabrier, Joshua Aaronson, Jory Baron, 1581 Hyland Blvd Auto LLC, 1580 Hylan Blvd Auto LLC, 1591 Hylan Blvd Auto LLC, 1632 Hyland Blvd Auto LLC, 1239 Hylan Blvd Auto LLC, 2519 Hyland Blvd Auto LLC, 76 Fisk Street Realty LLC, 446 Route 23 Auto LLC and Island Auto Management, LLC):

Jeffrey C. Ruderman

For Defendants (Anthony Deo, Sarah Deo, Harry Thomasson, Dwight Blankenship, Marc Merckling, Michael Laurie, Car Buyers NYC Inc., Gold Coast Cars of Syosset LLC, Gold Coast Cars of Sunrise LLC, Gold Coast Motors Automotive Group LLC, Gold Coast Motors of LIC LLC, Gold Coast Motors of Roslyn LLC, Gold Coast Motors of Smithtown LLC and UEA Premier Motors Corp.):

Brian M. Levine

For Defendants (Thomas Jones, CPA, Jones, Little & Co., CPA's LLP): Peter Seiden

For Defendants (Flushing Bank): Ariel E. Ronneburger,

For Defendant (Libertas Funding LLC):

Bonnie Rae Golub,  
David Epstein (Represented  
Defendant in State Court  
Matter)

For Defendants (J.P. Morgan Chase Bank, N.A.): Anthony Carmine Valenziano

Court Reporter/FTR: 10:32-10:48 (Video)

**THE FOLLOWING RULINGS WERE MADE:**

- Scheduling Conference held on January 26, 2024.
- The Court adopted the parties' submitted schedule at ECF No. [139], finalized at ECF No. [142]. In addition to the dates they provided, the Court designated the new final date for the first step of summary judgment motion practice as **September 6, 2024**.
- On or before **January 31, 2024**, Plaintiffs' counsel shall file a letter with the Court stating whether Plaintiffs agree stipulate to the vacatur of the entry of default (ECF No. [140]) or require the Deo Defendants to move to vacate.
- Counsel for Defendants Thomas Jones, CPA, Jones, Little & Co., CPA's LLP; Counsel for Defendant Flushing Bank; Counsel for Defendant Libertas Funding LLC; and Counsel for Defendant J.P. Morgan Chase Bank, N.A. all presented oral applications requesting that their appearances be excused at the Evidentiary Hearing on February 20, 2024 at 1:00 PM in Courtroom 1020. The Court granted those Defendants' applications, but to the extent any of those parties become witnesses to the hearing, then their presence is not excused.

The Status Conference previously scheduled for **May 7, 2024 at 9:00 AM** will remain in place and will proceed via the Court's Video Zoom. The Court will email the Zoom invitation closer to the conference date. This conference is a public proceeding, and all are welcome to attend via telephone or via video. If you would like to receive the Zoom invitation, please contact Judge Wicks' Courtroom Deputy at (631) 712-5625.

The Final Pretrial Conference scheduled for November 18, 2024 at 9:00 AM is **CHANGED** to **September 30, 2024 at 10:00 AM** at the United States District Courthouse, Eastern District of New York, 100 Federal Plaza, Courtroom 1020, Central Islip, New York. A joint proposed pretrial order ("JPTO") in compliance with the undersigned's Individual Practice Rules, signed by counsel for each party, must be filed on ECF at least five (5) business days prior to this conference. If a motion for summary judgment is pending, the final pretrial conference will be cancelled and filing of the JPTO will be held in abeyance.

THE PARTIES ARE REMINDED that audio or video recording of proceedings by any party other than the Court is strictly prohibited by Local Civil Rule 1.8. Violation of this rule may result in sanctions, including removal of court issued media credentials, restricted entry to future hearings, denial of entry to future hearings, or any other sanctions deemed appropriate by the Court.

SO ORDERED

/s/ James M. Wicks

JAMES M. WICKS

United States Magistrate Judge